sections, 96-hour drives, etc. Railway Magistrates and Police are also involved from time to time. State-wise figures are not maintained. However, during the drives conducted during the year 2001-2002 (upto December, 2001), an amount of Rs. 13.79 crores was realised from ticketless travellers on South Central Railway which is covering most part of Andhra Pradesh area.

(d) and (e) Ticket checking on the Railways is a continuous activity and monitored properly at various levels.

Rail bridge between Rajamundry and Kovvur

2189. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have considered a proposal to build a third rail bridge across the River Godavari, between Rajamundry and Kovvur;

(b) if so, details of this proposal;

(c) whether any long term planning is being done by the Railways in such matters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The works are planned keeping in view the future traffic prospects as per availability of resources.

Railway city booking agencies in Chhattisgarh

†2190. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway city booking agencies in Chhattisgarh;

(b) at which places these are located;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the conditions and procedure for setting up of such agencies; and

(d) the details of new agencies proposed to be set up in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) There are two City Booking Agencies in Chhattisgarh presently.

(b) Both these agencies are situated at Raipur. They are situated at Station Road and Moti Bagh Chowk respectively.

(c) As per extant policy, open tenders are invited through press notification for awarding the contract for the City Booking Agency/Out Agency. The agency is allotted to the applicant found most suitable in all respects.

(d) There is a proposal for opening a City Booking Agency at Bilaspur for which action has already been initiated by South Eastern Railway.

Rail projects in Jharkhand

2191. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any Memorandum of understanding with the Jharkhand Government for six rail projects in that State;

(b) if so, the details of those projects and cost of each;

(c) by when each of these projects is likely to be completed;

(d) whether similar MoUs have also been signed by the Railways with other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.